

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1001

BY SCHROEDER

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY; AMENDING TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 7, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A SHORT TITLE, TO STATE LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE STRATEGIC PLAN TASK FORCE, TO PROVIDE TASK FORCE AUTHORITY AND DUTIES, TO REQUIRE THAT THE TASK FORCE PREPARE A REPORT AND TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE TASK FORCE; AND PROVIDING A SUNSET DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Title 39, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW CHAPTER, to be known and designated as Chapter 7, Title 39, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

CHAPTER 7

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE STRATEGIC PLAN TASK FORCE

39-701. SHORT TITLE. This chapter shall be known and cited as the "Alzheimer's Disease Strategic Plan Task Force."

39-702. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. (1) The legislature finds:

(a) Every seventy-one (71) seconds, someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's disease;

(b) One (1) out of eight (8) persons of sixty-five (65) years of age or older in the United States has Alzheimer's disease;

(c) Forty-one percent (41%) of the over twelve thousand (12,000) Idahoans living in nursing homes have moderate to severe dementia;

(d) Some twenty-six thousand (26,000) Idahoans will be living and dying with Alzheimer's disease in 2010.

(e) With an aging population in Idaho, the incidence of Alzheimer's disease in this state is expected to increase; and

(f) Of all the conditions that threaten public health, dementia may have the broadest impact, affecting the minds, bodies and souls of those afflicted and their primary caregivers.

(2) The purpose of the Idaho Alzheimer's disease strategic plan task force ("task force") is to develop, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, a state Alzheimer's disease and related dementia strategic plan to include review of state policies and practices concerning Alzheimer's disease and related dementia care, quality, availability and cost of care in care settings, including in-home care and family care, competence of and access to dementia specific health care providers, treatment of patients with dementia and family caregiver support and resources.

(3) Funding for the task force will come from a partnership between the state of Idaho and stakeholder organizations where the state and the stakeholder organizations dedicate resources for the development of a strategic plan to address Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

39-703. ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE STRATEGIC PLAN TASK FORCE. (1) There is hereby created in the office of the governor the Alzheimer's disease strategic plan task force.

(2) The task force shall include the following members:

(a) Two (2) members of the Idaho senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate;

(b) Two (2) members of the Idaho house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(c) Two (2) representatives of the Idaho department of health and welfare appointed by the director of the department of health and welfare with one (1) being from the department's division of behavioral health and one (1) being from the department's division of medicaid;

(d) One (1) representative appointed by the mental health providers association of Idaho;

(e) One (1) representative appointed by the Alzheimer's association - inland northwest chapter and greater Idaho chapter;

(f) One (1) representative appointed by the American association of retired persons Idaho;

(g) One (1) representative appointed by the coalition of health care providers;

(h) One (1) representative appointed by the Idaho hospital association;

(i) One (1) representative appointed by the Idaho medical association;

(j) One (1) representative appointed by the national association of social workers, Idaho chapter;

(k) One (1) representative who is a member of the Idaho law bar association appointed by the national academy of elder law attorneys;

(l) One (1) administrative staff member of a skilled nursing facility or an assisted living facility in Idaho that specializes in dementia care and that is recognized by the Idaho health care association as providing the highest standards of care, appointed by the Idaho health care association;

(m) The Idaho commission on aging's ombudsman for the elderly;

(n) One (1) staff member of an Idaho agency on aging, appointed by the Idaho commission on aging;

(o) One (1) representative of the Idaho state hospice and palliative care organization appointed by the executive director of that organization;

(p) One (1) representative appointed by the Idaho residential supported living association; and

(q) Three (3) individuals representing the community appointed by the governor with one (1) being a person with Alzheimer's disease, one (1) being a family member of a person with Alzheimer's disease and one (1) being a caregiver to a person with Alzheimer's disease.

The task force may select additional persons who represent the needs and concerns of individuals living and dying with Alzheimer's disease and those who care for them to serve as members of the task force.

(3) Those responsible for appointing task force members shall make their appointments on or before September 1, 2009. Each member shall serve at the pleasure of the person or entity responsible for the member's appointment.

(4) The task force shall hold its first meeting on or before October 1, 2009, and shall meet at least quarterly thereafter until the duties assigned pursuant to section 39-705, Idaho Code, are completed, or by June 30, 2011, whichever occurs first. At its first meeting the task force shall elect a chair and vice-chair from among its members.

(5) Except for the legislative and department members, members of the task force shall serve without compensation and shall not be reimbursed from legislative funds for per diem, mileage or other expenses.

39-704. TASK FORCE AUTHORITY AND DUTIES – REPORT. (1) The task force shall:

- (a) Adopt rules of procedure it deems necessary to facilitate the orderly conduct of its business;
 - (b) Assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease on the residents of this state;
 - (c) Solicit and gather information necessary for review and discussion by the task force, including written and oral input from individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease, the general public and any relevant source;
 - (d) Review the availability of existing industries, services and resources addressing the needs of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, their families and their caregivers;
 - (e) Establish subcommittees and working groups to identify state public policy actions needed to address Alzheimer's disease and related dementia issues and to assist in the development of the report;
 - (f) Consider recommendations developed in other states;
 - (g) Identify cultural and linguistic factors that impact persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias;
 - (h) Seek citizen and stakeholder input through oral, written or electronic surveys, expert consultation and other information resources; and
 - (i) Consider relevant issues related to Alzheimer's disease that are identified by the task force.
- (2) Submit the Idaho Alzheimer's disease strategic plan report to the governor, the legislature and the public by the first day of October, 2011, which shall address the following:
- (a) Trends in the state's Alzheimer's disease population and needs, including:
 - (i) The changing size and nature of the population with dementia;
 - (ii) The state's role in long-term care, family caregiver support and assistance to persons with early stage and early onset of Alzheimer's disease;
 - (iii) The state's policy regarding persons with Alzheimer's disease and developmental disabilities;
 - (b) Existing services, resources and capacity, including, but not limited to:
 - (i) The type, cost, quality, reimbursement rate, availability of and access to dementia specific services, including adult day programs;
 - (ii) Minimum training requirements for dementia specific care and residents with specialized needs;

- (iii) Quality care measures for residential care facilities;
- (iv) The capacity of public safety and law enforcement agencies to respond to individuals with Alzheimer's disease;
- (v) The availability of home and community-based resources and services for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and the availability of respite care to assist families;
- (vi) An inventory, cost, payment options and quality assessment of available dementia specific care in Idaho;
- (vii) Identification of the adequacy, appropriateness and best practice-based geriatric and psychiatric services and interventions;
- (viii) Assisted living and residential options, including excellence in dementia care models and person-centered care systems for persons living and dying with dementia; and
- (ix) State support of Alzheimer's disease research through the state institutions of higher education and through other resources.

(c) Evidence and research-based best practice strategies developed by dementia care specialists, organizations and other state dementia care strategic plans to implement quality person-centered care approaches and to help reduce the overwhelming costs of dementia care for Idaho citizens and government; and

(d) Necessary state policies or responses, including:

- (i) Directions for the provision of clear and coordinated services and support to individuals and families living with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; and
- (ii) Strategies to address and resolve any identified gaps in services for Alzheimer's disease patients and their families and caregivers.

The task force shall thereafter review its report biennially to monitor the implementation and progress of the strategic plan and to make additional recommendations to the governor, the legislators and the public regarding the matters set forth in the report.

(3) The task force shall not participate in information gathering, discussions or decisions relating to the care of individual Alzheimer's disease patients.

39-705. SUPPORT FOR THE TASK FORCE. The office of the governor shall provide office space and clerical support for the task force. In addition to moneys appropriated from the general fund for the expenses of the task force, private individuals and groups are encouraged to make contributions to the task force in support of its efforts.

SECTION 2. The provisions of Section 1 of this act shall be null, void and of no force and effect on and after July 1, 2015.